

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET HEARING
MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2011
6:00P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Council President Gatling called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Councilmember Latasha Gatling, Mayor Eugene Grant (ABSENT), Councilmember Darrell Hardy, Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gerald R. Raynor, Sr., Councilmember Elenora Simms, Councilmember Aretha Stephenson (ABSENT), Councilmember Reveral Yeargin (ABSENT)

Staff: Robert Ashton, Acting City Administrator, Dashaun Lanham, City Clerk

1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

The invocation was given by Councilmember Porter

1.1.4 Approval of Agenda:

It was motioned by Councilmember Porter and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

- Mr. Kennedy wanted to know if the City was still investing in the Maryland Interest pool. Mr. Ashton stated that the city is still investing in the pool. The interest rate is 2%
- James Wright, Mr. Wright stated that he is interested in seeing the Police Department salaries increased, if possible.
- Ms. Belt stated that she will send her comments back in writing.
- Ms. Claytor stated that she will send her comments back in writing
- Mrs. Feggans wanted to know if any money has been spent out of the City Administrator position. Councilwoman Gatling confirmed the salaries under the administration department being for four positions.
- Ms. Johnson stated that she currently don't have anything to say

- Mrs. Pierce-Johnson stated that she would send something in writing. She stated that she would like to see less food places that are boarded or blighted to the Community. She would like to see a cleaner city.
- Ms. Jackson stated that she doesn't have any comments at this time. She wanted to know about the vacant property and the city fining the owners due to the City doing the upkeep. Councilwoman Gatling explained the process of citing the owner.
- Mr. Reynolds stated that he has a concern about the stop signs and crosswalk on 66th Avenue. Mr. Reynolds wanted to know why the code enforcement officer is inquiring about his covered vehicles on his property. He has done this more than one time. He went to the Police Department to provide them with a copy of his registration and insurance information.
- Mrs. Feggans, wanted to know how many Code Enforcement officer does the city currently employ. She wanted to know if the Code Enforcement job requires them to be out in the field or sending the paperwork out. She stated that trash cans are a small matter, but there are residents that leave their trash cans on the street all week long. She wanted to know why the Code Enforcement Officer has not cited the persons. She stated that there is a big white truck that sits on the street. They moved the truck inside of the fence, but it is blocking the view of the drivers turning onto Addison Road.
- Mr. Kennedy wanted to know about the Community Services Department and the After School Program. He wanted to know if the After School program is being housed in the Activity Center and the City doesn't provide any money to them for the program. He wanted to know about the monies being provided to Seat Pleasant Elementary School. Councilwoman Gatling stated that no monies have been expended to the school as they have required the principal to provide in writing the purpose and usage of the money. He stated that in the District of Columbia they post a speed limit during construction. We can post the same sign and still get funding. He stated that in New York the Code Enforcement Officer cite the homes that do not recycle. Councilwoman Gatling stated that we are looking into changing the size of the recycle bins. He does not see the snow removal in the budget. Mr. Ashton stated that is on page 20 of the budget.

- Ms. Morgan wanted to know if they could get money to assist with feeding the seniors on a daily basis. She is a member of Mt. Victory Baptist Church.
- Betty McGee-Price, She wanted to know about the speed cameras and the amount of money it generates. She stated that there are some places that the Code Enforcement Officers need to come to, as they are eyesores to the city.
- Ms. Baber stated that she is grateful for the speed cameras. She wanted to know why the cameras are sitting beside one another. She wanted to know where the Code Enforcement Officers are located in the budget. She wanted to know the salary of the police officers. She hopes the Council increases the salary of the police officers. She feels that the Public Works Department deserves a raise too.

Council President Gatling asked each resident that stated they would send their comments in writing to submit them on Monday, May 9, 2011.

Submitted by,



Dashaun N. Lanham

City Clerk